Background

Over the summer I had the opportunity to work as a sustainability intern for Rewash Refillery, a refill and sustainable goods company located in Clintonville, OH.

The company offers refillable products such as laundry detergents, hand soaps, and lotions to reduce plastic waste.

Clintonville Farmer’s Market

Rewash Refillery was able to participate in the Clintonville Farmer’s Market for the first time over the summer.

On The Job

Frequent day to day tasks included:

• Assisting customers with refills while educating them on the products offered by Rewash Refillery

• Communicating with manufacturers to determine the best fit for Rewash Refillery’s first product launch

Accomplishments

• Working on sustainability assessments such as LCAs

• Creating social media content to increase the company’s exposure

• Submitted proposals of various product formulations to sustainable manufacturers for Rewash Refillery brand products

• Completed LCAs (Life Cycle Assessment) for the average plastic laundry detergent container and shampoo bottle

• Marketing projects such as social media posts and Rewash Refillery website improvements

Recommendations

I would recommend this internship to any student that is considering a future in business sustainability.

The most valuable experience that I gained from this internship was learning what business management entails when prioritizing sustainable practices. I was able to see firsthand how a business can partner with sustainable manufacturers and still make a profit.

Reflection

• After completing this internship, I can absolutely see myself working in a sustainability management position.

• I enjoyed working with a small business as it allowed me to connect with many members of the Clintonville community, especially at the Clintonville Farmer’s Market.

• I have learned that it is possible for any business to simultaneously value the environment and profit.